

AND THAT FROM A CHILD

2 Tim 3:13-15

2 Tim. 3:13 False teachers become worse.

More advanced in their evil.

These men:

Evil: pernicious, opposers of good, desires and words wicked

1 Cor. 5:13; 2 Thess. 3:2

Seducers: wailer, howler, juggler, enchanter, chants a spell, wizard, sorcerer, imposter.

Deceiving: leading astray, misleading, causing people to believe what not true.

2 Thess. 2:9-11

deceiving, and being deceived. These false teachers are mislead themselves.... given own lives to promote their deception.

New Age movement: Walter Martin, *The New Age Cult*, pp 130-131: A loose organization of people, many of them "Yuppies," who believe the world has entered the Aquarian Age when peace on earth and one-world government will rule. They see themselves as advanced in consciousness, rejecting Judeo-Christian values and the Bible in favor of Oriental philosophies and religion. Among them may be found environmentalists, nuclear-freeze proponents, Marxist-socialist utopians, mind-control advocates, ESP cultists, spiritists, witchcraft practitioners, and others using magical rites.

Eastern religions, Zen Buddhism, Occult, Satanism, witchcraft, metaphysics, Christian Science,

1. God: an energy force. *May the force be with you.*
In a sense, there is no such thing as God, God does not exist. ... All is God and because of is God, there is no God.
2. Jesus Christ. ... *The Christ is the basic evolutionary force within creation.*
.....Jesus: *"Men call me Christ, and God has recognized the name: but Christ is not a man. The Christ is universal Love and Love is King.*
3. Trinity *Eternal Thought is one: in essence it is two – Intelligence and Force: and when they breathe, a child is born; this child is Love. And thus the Triune God stands forth, whom men call Father-Mother-Child.*
4. Atonement: *This is really the true crucifixion. It was not so much hanging Jesus on the physical cross, but it was the entry of the cosmic Christ in the physical cross, but it was the entry of the cosmic Christ in the physical, etheric, mental, and emotional energy patterns of the planetary body itself...*
5. Heaven and Hell. *The idea of hell grows out of the theology of the OT and its presentation of a God full of hate and jealousy. Both concepts are today repudiated*

by all sane, sincere, thinking people.The last Judgment is generally thought of as a procedure undertaken by God. Actually it will be undertaken by my brothers with your help. It is a final healing rather than a meting out of punishment, however much you may think that punishment is deserved. Punishment is a concept totally opposed to right-mindedness to you. The Last Judgment might be called a process of right evaluation. It simply means that everyone will finally come to understand what is worthy and what is not. After this , the ability to choose can be directed rationally.

6. *Demonic Powers. It is important to see that Lucifer, as I am using this term, describes an angel, a being, a great and mighty planetary consciousness. It does not describe that popular thought-form of Satan who seeks to lead man down a path of sin and wrong doing....Man is his own Satan just as man is his own salvation....the forces of evil are part of God. They are not separated from God. Everything is God. Crème, The Reappearance of Christ, p. 103.*

Terms:

Astral Body – A spiritual body capable of projection from the physical body.

Astral Flight – Soul travel occurring particularly during sleep or deep meditation.

Channeling – The channeler yields control of his/her perceptual and cognitive capacities to a spiritual entity with the intent of receiving paranormal information.

Clairvoyance – Ability to see mentally without using the eyes, beyond ordinary time and space limits.

Crystals – Crystals able to restore the “flow of energy” in human body.

God – a being who has “many faces.” ...universal consciousness....universal life...universal energy...impersonal force that pervades the universe.

Karma – *debt* accumulated against a soul as a result of good or bad actions committed during one’s life (or lives).

Out-of-Body Experience – Leaving physical body while at rest, asleep, near death, or temporarily dead.

Reincarnation – cyclical evolution of person’s soul as it repeatedly passes from one body to another at death. Process continues until soul reaches state of perfection.

Self-realization – God-realization. It refers to a personal recognition of one’s divinity.

Spirit Guide – A spiritual entity who provides information of “guidance,” often through a medium or channeler. The spirit provides guidance only after

the channeler relinquishes his perceptual and cognitive capacities into its control.

Telekinesis—ability to move physical objects by force of will or mental energy alone;

Telepathy—Communication between minds by extrasensory means.

Visualization—*guided imagery...mind over matter*. Attempt to bring about change in material realm by power of the mind.

Yin/Yang—active and passive principles of the universe. Yin--female or (inactive) negative force; Yang--male or active force. Words used to describe constant flow of motion and change in universe (i.e., the “Tao”).

Yoga—A means of becoming united with the supreme being or with the universal soul.

Paul not tell Timothy to confront or argue with them

2 Tim. 3:14 *Continue*: Be steadfast, remain, abide, not allow anyone to move you.

***Learned*:** became acquainted with. Gained knowledge of facts.

***and hast been assured of*,** to be fully convinced of; make firm or trustworthy; make inwardly certain of; internalize

Hend: Learning is not enough, what has been learned must be applied to the heart by the Holy Spirit, so that one also becomes convicted with a conviction that transforms life.

One side represents person who holds opinion but is not held by it.

Has a grasp of Word but Word not have a grasp on him!

Moule: We are to stay in our beliefs or rather in the thing believed. We are to find our home there...to be always at home,. We are to move and breathe among the things which make up the sphere of our faith.

Possible to be under preaching and teaching of the Word of God for years and never brought to a firm, strong, internal assurance of them.

3 Generations of Christians here (Judges 2):

1. Committed—Know God and Know God’s Works...
2. Compromise—Know God and Know about God’s Works
3. Conflict—Know not God nor His Works.

Two reasons why stick with things learned

1. People (great teachers)—secondary influence **3:14... *knowing of whom thou hast learned them*;**

2 Tim. 3:15 ¹⁵*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

***Child*:** newborn—infant, baby

Taught scriptures by grandmother Lois and mother Eunice (1:15)

Gutze: *The influence of parents is great. Scarcely anything is more impressive. It is amazing how many boys grow up with long indifference to spiritual things, and many times a blindness about spiritual things, and when you get right down to it, what do they go by? They say, "My dad never talked about God."*

2. Scriptures – primary influence

Scriptures: letter, script.

Known: been aware of; had in front of you; seen

Lenski: *Learned ABC's from the Bible, learned to read from the Bible, and thus from earliest childhood spelled out "sacred letters." As he spelled out this and that word, mother and grandmother told the story. Soon he could read a little, ask questions, and hear more. A lovely picture indeed! I like it better than our method of today which supplies secular matter for the primers and holds back the sacred letters until later years.*

...which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Able: have power

Wise unto salvation:

Psalm 19:7; Mark 4:14-20; John 5:24, 39; James 1:18

The fact and truth of God's Word when placed side by side with faith, empowered by the Spirit of God, will always lead to spiritual life.

Rom 10:14, 17

Mac: *The Word presented by human witness is God's plan for reaching people with the gospel.*

Neh 8:1-9

John White: *So when they see Ezra unrolling the scroll, they scramble to their feet with respect. And as Ezra prays they cry out their "amen's" and raise their hands. They then prostrate themselves, faces to the dust (8:5-6). They sense they are in the presence of God. They wait expectantly for him to speak. Respect and reverence for God predisposed them – and will predispose us – to understand what God has to say. Respect for Scripture is valueless unless it springs from awe of the God of Scripture."*

Through faith which is in Christ Jesus: Word of God--seed God uses to bring salvation.

Source of truth regarding eternal life.

Not through works but through faith in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:8-9

SO WHAT?

1. Be realistic. Things are getting worse.

2. Be steadfast. Be fully convinced and assured in the things God has taught you.

3. Acknowledge power of Word.

Commitment

1. Learn Word
2. Internalize Word

Parents:

1. Teach Word
2. Live Word

They are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.